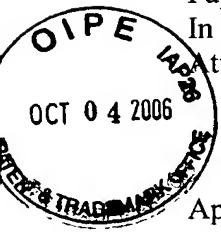


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2006, please amend the subject application as shown on the attached pages. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the deadline for reply until October 16, 2006. The present amendment is considered timely filed.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper. A Replacement Sheet of drawings and an Annotated Sheet of drawings showing changes accompany this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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